

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A printer unit, comprising:

a guide path which guides paper;

a printing section having a platen and a printhead located
~~oppositely opposite to each other~~ with the guide path interposed
5 therebetween;

a cutter section, ~~which has~~ includes a stationary blade and
a movable blade located ~~oppositely opposite to each other~~ with
the guide path interposed therebetween, ~~and which~~ cuts paper
printed at the printing section by engaging the movable blade
10 with the stationary blade;

a first unit located on one side of the guide path and
~~having~~ including either one of the platen and the printhead and
either one of the stationary blade and the movable blade;

a second unit located on the other side of the guide path
15 and ~~having either~~ including the other one of the ~~other~~ platen and
the ~~other~~ printhead and ~~either~~ the other one of the ~~other~~
stationary blade and the ~~other~~ movable blade; and

a connecting mechanism which removably connects the ~~first~~
second unit to the ~~second~~ first unit ~~so as to construct such that~~
20 the first unit supports the second unit and the printing section
and the cutter section ~~in the state that~~ are operable when the
second unit is connected ~~with~~ to the first unit, and such that

the second unit is removable from the first unit to be completely separate from the first unit.

2. (Currently Amended) A printer unit according to claim 1, further comprising a unit support section on which the first unit is removably ~~supports the first unit~~ supported.

3. (Currently Amended) A printer unit according to claim 1, wherein the connecting mechanism ~~has~~ comprises:

a plurality of connecting shafts mounted in one of the ~~units~~ , with the first unit and the second unit such that axes thereof ~~directed orthogonally~~ are substantially orthogonal to ~~the~~ a guide direction ~~of guide of~~ along which the paper is guided along the guide path, and

a plurality of shaft support sections which are provided in the other of the first unit and the second unit ~~in which the fitting of and into which~~ the connecting shafts ~~is allowed~~ are fitted when the second unit is connected to the first unit.

4. (Currently Amended) A printer unit according to claim 3, wherein the platen ~~has~~ comprises a paper support section which supports the paper and a support shaft ~~extended from either end that extends from both ends~~ of the paper support section to serve as one of the connecting shafts.

5. (Currently Amended) A printer unit according to claim 3, further comprising a paper guide which is ~~located~~ provided in one of the ~~units~~ first unit and the second unit and supports one side of the paper ~~on the~~ in a position upstream ~~side~~ of the platen in the guide direction; ~~of travel of the paper; and~~

wherein one of the connecting shafts is located ~~oppositely~~ opposite to the paper guide so that ~~, with the paper passes~~ between said one of the connecting shafts and the paper guide when the first unit and the second unit are connected by the connecting mechanism. ~~, the paper will be sandwiched between the connecting shaft and the paper guide.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A printer unit according to claim 1, further comprising a movable blade holding section which removably holds the movable blade and is mounted on the one of the first unit and the second unit ~~holding that includes the~~ movable blade. ~~, and removably holds the movable blade.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A printer unit according to claim 2, further comprising a screw for securing the first unit to the unit support section ~~by threaded engagement between the unit support section and the first unit.~~

8. (New) A printer unit, comprising:

a guide path which guides paper;

a printing section having a platen and a printhead located opposite to each other with the guide path interposed therebetween;

a cutter section, which includes a stationary blade and a movable blade located opposite to each other with the guide path interposed therebetween, and which cuts paper printed at the printing section by engaging the movable blade with the stationary blade;

a first unit located on one side of the guide path and including: either one of the platen and the printhead and either one of the stationary blade and the movable blade;

a second unit located on the other side of the guide path and including: the other one of the platen and the printhead and the other one of the stationary blade and the movable blade; and

a connecting mechanism which removably connects the second unit to the first unit such that the printing section and the cutter section are operable when the second unit is connected to the first unit;

wherein the connecting mechanism comprises:

a plurality of connecting shafts mounted in one of the first unit and the second unit such that axes thereof are

substantially orthogonal to a guide direction along which the paper is guided along the guide path; and

a plurality of shaft support sections which are provided in the other of the first unit and the second unit and into which the connecting shafts are fitted when the second unit is connected to the first unit; and

wherein a paper guide is provided in one of the first unit and the second unit and supports one side of the paper in a position upstream of the platen in the guide direction, and wherein one of the connecting shafts is located opposite to the paper guide so that the paper passes between said one of the connecting shafts and the paper guide when the first unit and the second unit are connected by the connecting mechanism.

9. (New) A printer unit, comprising:

a guide path which guides paper;

a printing section having a platen and a printhead located opposite to each other with the guide path interposed

5 therebetween;

a cutter section, which includes a stationary blade and a movable blade located opposite to each other with the guide path interposed therebetween, and which cuts paper printed at the printing section by engaging the movable blade with the

10 stationary blade;

a first unit located on one side of the guide path and including: either one of the platen and the printhead and either one of the stationary blade and the movable blade;

15 a second unit located on the other side of the guide path and including: the other one of the platen and the printhead and the other one of the stationary blade and the movable blade;

a connecting mechanism which removably connects the second unit to the first unit such that the printing section and the cutter section are operable when the second unit is connected to
20 the first unit;

a unit support section on which the first unit is removably supported; and

a screw for securing the first unit to the unit support section.